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### **OPA Daily Digest for 10/21/13**

## **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.) 9/25/13. Constituent concerns about property that they own considered as an abandoned hazardous waste site. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Claire McCaskill** (Mo.) 9/23/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done for lead removal at North County Schools in St. Francois County. Due: 10/9/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Billy Long** (Mo.) 9/17/13. Subcontractor complaints of payments not received for work done on the Oronogo remediation project. Due: 10/2/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

# **State Government Inquiries:**

None

## **Press Inquiries:**

**Webb City (Mo.) Sentinel –** Bob Foos – 10/17/13: Questions about reports of a contractor stopping work at an EPA Superfund site in the Joplin area because of disputes with suppliers or subcontractors. Contacts: Debbie Kring, 7725; Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

KMOV Channel 4, St. Louis – Russell Kinsaul – 10/21/13: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

### **Environmental Stories:**

Mason City Globe Gazette - DNR orders Belmond business to pay \$1,450 fine - 10/18/13 - The lowa Department of Natural Resources has ordered a Belmond auto salvage business to pay a \$1,450 fine for violations. <a href="http://globegazette.com/news/local/dnr-orders-belmond-business-to-pay-fine/article\_b88388cc-1657-5606-837b-dd592ea3a48c.html">http://globegazette.com/news/local/dnr-orders-belmond-business-to-pay-fine/article\_b88388cc-1657-5606-837b-dd592ea3a48c.html</a>

Osage County News (Mo.) - Don't eat old paint chips: National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week - 10/19/13 - United behind a theme of "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future," EPA Region 7 is joining parents, teachers, news media, and federal, state and local health and environmental agencies in spreading the message of National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, Oct. 20-26. <a href="http://www.osagecountyonline.com/archives/5443">http://www.osagecountyonline.com/archives/5443</a>

**Joplin Globe - Dyno Nobel to pay \$257,167 for alleged pollution, regulatory violations** - 10/18/13 - Dyno Nobel has agreed to pay a \$257,167 penalty to settle pollution and other alleged violations of federal law at its Carthage plant and at another plant in eastern Missouri. <a href="http://www.joplinglobe.com/topstories/x2112899960/Dyno-Nobel-to-pay-257-167-for-alleged-pollution-regulatory-violations">http://www.joplinglobe.com/topstories/x2112899960/Dyno-Nobel-to-pay-257-167-for-alleged-pollution-regulatory-violations</a>

**BNA - Dyno Nobel Settles Air Violations at Two Facilities** - 10/18/13 - Explosives manufacturer Dyno Nobel Inc. will pay a \$257,167 civil penalty in a settlement over alleged violations of the Clean Air Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=37367527&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2q0n1r6&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=37367527&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2q0n1r6&split=0</a>

KOAM Ch. 7 Pittsburg/Joplin - Kansas AG: Supreme Court to hear another challenge to EPA regulations - 10/18/13 - The U.S. Supreme Court this week agreed to hear a challenge to new EPA greenhouse gas regulations that Kansas and other states say were unlawfully imposed, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said. <a href="http://www.koamtv.com/story/23729341/kansas-ag-supreme-court-to-hear-another-challenge-to-epa-regulations">http://www.koamtv.com/story/23729341/kansas-ag-supreme-court-to-hear-another-challenge-to-epa-regulations</a>

**Washington Post - Editorial: Congress turns a blind eye to global warming** - 10/20/13 - In the absence of congressional action, the EPA's approach — interpreting the confusing text of the Clean Air Act in light of its overriding purpose to combat threatening air pollution — is the right one. <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/congress-turns-a-blind-eye-to-global-warming/2013/10/20/b5e42594-36b8-11e3-8a0e-4e2cf80831fc">http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/congress-turns-a-blind-eye-to-global-warming/2013/10/20/b5e42594-36b8-11e3-8a0e-4e2cf80831fc</a> story.html

**Earth Island Journal - Incineration: The Biggest Obstacle to Zero Waste** - 10/21/13 - It is hard to understand why any rational official living in the twenty-first century and facing the critical need to develop sustainable solutions would countenance the squandering of finite material and huge financial resources on a nonsustainable practice like incineration. <a href="http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/incineration\_the\_biggest\_obstacle\_to\_zero\_waste">http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/incineration\_the\_biggest\_obstacle\_to\_zero\_waste</a>

Fox News - GOP accuses EPA of 'unprecedented' power grab with proposed water rule - 10/19/13 - Two Republican lawmakers on the House Science Committee are accusing the Environmental Protection Agency of pushing through a rule that could potentially expand the agency's regulatory authority over streams, wetlands and other bodies under the Clean Water Act. <a href="http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/19/gop-accuses-epa-unprecedented-power-grab-with-proposed-water-rule/">http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/19/gop-accuses-epa-unprecedented-power-grab-with-proposed-water-rule/</a>

Syracuse Post-Standard (N.Y.) - Top EPA official in Syracuse to announce national drive for green infrastructure - 10/21/13 - The No. 2 official in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will make an announcement on green infrastructure today at the Gateway Center at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. <a href="http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/10/epa\_in\_syracuse\_to\_announce\_national\_drive\_for\_green\_infrastructure.html">http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/10/epa\_in\_syracuse\_to\_announce\_national\_drive\_for\_green\_infrastructure.html</a>

The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa - EPA made thoughtful move on ethanol mandate - 10/21/13 - The Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores of Iowa applaud the Environmental Protection Agency for its significant analysis of the renewable fuel supply and considering a reduction in the amount of ethanol that refiners would need to blend into the U.S. motor fuel supply in 2014, as recently reported in the media. <a href="http://thegazette.com/2013/10/21/epa-made-thoughtful-move-on-ethanol-mandate/#sthash.8q6JHOaY.dpuf">http://thegazette.com/2013/10/21/epa-made-thoughtful-move-on-ethanol-mandate/#sthash.8q6JHOaY.dpuf</a>

**Lexology - Numeric nutrient criteria in the Mississippi River: a back-handed victory for EPA?** - 10/16/13 - On September 20, 2013, the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in Gulf Restoration Network v. Jackson rendered a decision that seems to have simultaneously expanded and reduced the discretion of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) to decide when federal numeric nutrient criteria (NNC) are "necessary" for a state or group of states. http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=d5dde967-28a5-4f1b-a3ec-3a257c3291ca

St. Louis Business Journal - Is Monsanto linked to Argentines' health problems? - 10/13/13 - The uncontrolled application of pesticides such as Monsanto's Roundup brand is being cited as a possible cause for the growing health problems among the 12 million people who live in Argentina's farm belt.

http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning\_call/2013/10/is-monsanto-linked-to-argentines.html

Des Moines Register - Iowa View: State has turned into a 'toilet' for industrial ag - 10/13/13 - We're losing our topsoil, our clean water, our respect for our land, our heritage, our reputation. And maybe our common sense. There's a way out of the toilet. It means governing to serve the best interests of all, not the handful whom your taxes have made rich. <a href="http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131014/OPINION01/310140043/lowa-View-State-has-turned-into-toilet-industrial-ag?odyssey=obinsite">http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131014/OPINION01/310140043/lowa-View-State-has-turned-into-toilet-industrial-ag?odyssey=obinsite</a>

Associated Press - Environmentalists, workers seek common ground - 10/21/13 - The nation's largest labor unions are ready to help fight global warming, but are cautioning environmentalists that workers need new clean-energy jobs before existing industries are shut down. <a href="http://www.stltoday.com/news/national/environmentalists-workers-seek-common-ground/article-933cedc6-433c-593c-ab9e-6381c54c02d2.html">http://www.stltoday.com/news/national/environmentalists-workers-seek-common-ground/article-933cedc6-433c-593c-ab9e-6381c54c02d2.html</a>

**Des Moines Register - Editorial: Smaller turned out not to be better** - 10/20/13 - One of the important takeaways from the government's limited shutdown was this: While lots of people like to complain about the federal government, there is little agreement on what less government should look like.

<a href="http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131020/OPINION03/310200073/1035/">http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131020/OPINION03/310200073/1035/</a>

**Bloomberg - New oil-by-rail regulations to boost costs** - 10/20/13 - New rules will boost costs to transport crude by rail in North America as trains are forecast to carry as much as 2 million barrels a day. <a href="http://www.omaha.com/article/20131020/MONEY/131029979">http://www.omaha.com/article/20131020/MONEY/131029979</a>

Kansas City Star - Letters to the Editor: Pollution, Iran conflict, government shutdown - 10/19/13 - Kansas Interfaith Power & Light and member congregations across the state support the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal for carbon pollution safeguards on new power plants. <a href="http://www.kansascity.com/2013/10/19/4561734/curb-pollution-iran-conflict-government.html">http://www.kansascity.com/2013/10/19/4561734/curb-pollution-iran-conflict-government.html</a>

Lincoln Journal-Star - Pipeline risks trump ag risks in activist ranks - 10/18/13 - Nebraska converted twice as many acres of rangeland to cropland as any other state in 2012, according to new numbers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A closer look at those 54,900 acres shows four of the top five Nebraska counties in which farmers broke up grazing ground to raise corn and other crops were along the proposed route of the Keystone XL pipeline. <a href="http://journalstar.com/news/local/pipeline-risks-trump-ag-risks-in-activist-ranks/article-731a162e-cf4f-5bcf-a8a3-665ef74ff16a.html">http://journalstar.com/news/local/pipeline-risks-trump-ag-risks-in-activist-ranks/article-731a162e-cf4f-5bcf-a8a3-665ef74ff16a.html</a>

McClatchy News Service - City, FBI confirm unsubstantiated threat to Wichita water system, others 'in this area' - 10/18/13 - FBI officials say they're taking "very seriously" a regional water threat in the past several days including the city of Wichita's system. <a href="http://www.kansascity.com/2013/10/18/4561345/city-fbi-confirm-unsubstantiated.html">http://www.kansascity.com/2013/10/18/4561345/city-fbi-confirm-unsubstantiated.html</a>

**Des Moines Register - Editorial: The Register's Editorial: No medals for lowans in shutdown, debt war -** 10/18/13 - Few profiles in courage will be written about members of Congress following the battle over the government shutdown and raising the debt ceiling.

That includes lowa's delegation. <a href="http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131019/OPINION03/310190032/1035/">http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131019/OPINION03/310190032/1035/</a>

Des Moines Register - Oil group threatens to sue EPA over delayed renewable fuels volume - 10/18/13 - In a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency, the American Petroleum Industry warned it would consider its legal options, including "filing suit," to force the administration to release the volume requirements for the Renewable Fuel Standard. <a href="http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/10/18/oil-group-threatens-to-sue-epa-over-delayed-renewable-fuels-volume/article">http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/10/18/oil-group-threatens-to-sue-epa-over-delayed-renewable-fuels-volume/article</a>

Des Moines Register - Iowa scientists: Spring floods, summer droughts more likely with global climate change - 10/18/13 - Global climate change means lowans can expect more years like 2013, when spring deluges gave way to summer drought, Iowa scientists said today. <a href="http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/10/18/iowa-scientists-no-serious-doubt-that-global-climate-change-is-real/article">http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/10/18/iowa-scientists-no-serious-doubt-that-global-climate-change-is-real/article</a>

St. Louis Business Journal - Akermin gets \$3 million grant from Department of Energy - 10/21/13 - Clean energy startup Akermin has received a \$3 million research and development grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to development technology to remove carbon dioxide from power plants.

http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/BizNext/2013/10/akermin-gets-3-million-grant-from.html

**Washington Times - Think twice about clean energy** - 10/20/13 - Sustainability is a good thing. But too much of a good thing crowds out other good things. Obsession over sustainability can lead to a sacrifice of common sense, blinding one to the possible harmful effects of these policies. http://communities.washingtontimes.com/neighborhood/consider-again/2013/oct/20/think-twice-about-clean-energy/

Reuters - Analysis: U.S. 'war on coal' may be good fight for some manufacturers - 10/21/13 - When the Obama administration unveiled new emission regulations for coal-fired power plants earlier this year, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) blasted the proposed rules, saying they would hurt its members "twice" - as energy users and as

polluters "next in line" for such rules. http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/21/us-usa-environment-manufacturers-analysi-idUSBRE99K09820131021

**Reuters - Scientists tap cow burps for natural gas -** 10/21/13 - Argentine scientists have found a way to transform the gas created by the bovine digestive system into fuel, an innovation that could curb greenhouse gases that cause global warming. <a href="http://www.nbcnews.com/science/scientists-tap-cow-burps-natural-gas-8C11427747">http://www.nbcnews.com/science/scientists-tap-cow-burps-natural-gas-8C11427747</a>

Yale Environment 360 - Rising Waters: How Fast and How Far Will Sea Levels Rise? - 10/21/13 - Although the latest U.N. climate report significantly increases its projections for sea level rise this century, some scientists warn even those estimates are overly conservative. But one thing is certain: Predicting sea level rise far into the future is a very tricky task. <a href="http://e360.yale.edu/feature/rising">http://e360.yale.edu/feature/rising</a> waters how fast and how far will sea levels rise/2702/

Center for Public Integrity - Facing lawsuits over deadly asbestos, paper giant launched secretive research program - 10/21/13 - Named in more than 60,000 legal claims, Atlanta-based Georgia-Pacific sought salvation in a secret research program it launched in hopes of exonerating its product as a carcinogen. http://www.publicintegrity.org/2013/10/21/13559/facing-lawsuits-over-deadly-asbestos-paper-giant-launched-secretive-research

NRDC (blog) - Memo to Shutdown Fans: Americans Really Like EPA Protecting Our Air, Water and Health; and Dis Pols Who Don't - 10/18/13 - I want to share a poll commissioned by NRDC that found overwhelming opposition to the way the government shutdown was preventing EPA from doing its job. <a href="http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/sslesinger/during">http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/sslesinger/during</a> this month we have.html

**Greenwire - Energy, enviro issues on the table for new conference** - 10/18/13 - Although the newly created budget conference committee has a wide mandate to shape long-term policymaking in a variety of areas, its House and Senate members enter with such sharply different priorities that many observers discount the chance for substantial progress. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989064/feed">http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989064/feed</a>

**Greenwire - Shutdown-stressed rule writers seen keeping climate regs on track -** 10/18/13 - The government shutdown cost deadline-driven U.S. EPA rule writers 16 days of work, but advocates say the work is likely to get done on time despite a backlog of paperwork and emails. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989056/feed">http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989056/feed</a>

Greenwire - Enviros vow lawsuit as part of campaign to protect Colo. rivers - 10/18/13 - WildEarth Guardians has formally notified the owners of two Colorado industrial sites that it plans to file federal lawsuits against them to stop what the group says are years of Clean ThinkProgress - Citizen Science: How A Facebook Game Could Help Us Tackle Climate Change Water Act violations that are harming the South Platte River. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989073/feed">http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059989073/feed</a>

Climate Desk - How Do You Get People to Give a Damn About Climate Change? - 10/18/13 - Experts have come a long way in trying to figure out which messages can successfully open minds and move public opinion. There's just one problem: They disagree about whether the message everyone's using actually works. <a href="http://climatedesk.org/2013/10/how-do-you-get-people-to-give-a-damn-about-climate-change/">http://climatedesk.org/2013/10/how-do-you-get-people-to-give-a-damn-about-climate-change/</a>

ThinkProgress - Citizen Science: How A Facebook Game Could Help Us Tackle Climate Change - 8/17/13 - Don MacLean and his colleagues did what any serious scientist in search of answers would do when faced with a dilemma: they took the problem to Facebook. <a href="http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2013/10/17/2759261/citizen-science-facebook-game/">http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2013/10/17/2759261/citizen-science-facebook-game/</a>

Grist (blog) - New Study: Koch's Could Make \$100 Billion on Keystone XL Pipeline Deal - 10/20/13 - A new study released today concludes that Koch Industries and its subsidiaries stand to make as much as \$100 billion in profits if the controversial Keystone XL pipeline is given the go-ahead by U.S. President Obama. <a href="http://grist.org/article/new-study-kochs-could-make-100-billion-on-keystone-xl-pipeline-deal/">http://grist.org/article/new-study-kochs-could-make-100-billion-on-keystone-xl-pipeline-deal/</a>

**UPI - Petcoke piling up in Chicago on sites owned by Koch brothers -** 10/18/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Attorney General said they are investigating and reviewing storage permits for the piles on Chicago's south side. KCBX, a company owned by industrialists Charles and David Koch, operate the storage sites and are responsible for compliance with environmental laws. <a href="http://www.upi.com/Top\_News/US/2013/10/18/Petcoke-piling-up-in-Chicago-on-sites-owned-by-Koch-brothers/UPI-93111382104326/">http://www.upi.com/Top\_News/US/2013/10/18/Petcoke-piling-up-in-Chicago-on-sites-owned-by-Koch-brothers/UPI-93111382104326/</a>

E&E News PM - House Republicans urge EPA to share draft rule with outside reviewers - 10/18/13 - Republican leaders on the House Science, Space and Technology

Committee want outside reviewers of a U.S. EPA scientific study seen as key to a new regulation on the reach of the Clean Water Act to also keep an eye on the regulatory implications of the agency's work. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2013/10/18/stories/1059989083">http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2013/10/18/stories/1059989083</a>

**The Hill - GOP: EPA move 'unprecedented' -** 10/18/13 - Republican leaders of the House Science Committee are accusing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of rushing a rule to establish broad authority over streams and wetlands. <a href="http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/pending-regs/329321-gop-accuse-epa-of-plotting-unprecedented-power-grab">http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/pending-regs/329321-gop-accuse-epa-of-plotting-unprecedented-power-grab</a>

**Greenwire - Farmers' wish list for farm bill talks includes limits on EPA regs -** 10/18/13 - The final farm bill should limit U.S. EPA regulations on farmers and keep federal crop insurance subsidies robust, the American Farm Bureau Federation this week told members of the committee that will reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/10/18/stories/1059989068">http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2013/10/18/stories/1059989068</a>

BNA - Canadian Government Tightens Rules For Rail Transport of Crude Oil After Accident - 10/21/13 - The Canadian government has issued a directive to all railways requiring any shipper that imports or transports crude oil in Canada by rail to perform classification testing to accurately determine the level of risk to the environment. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=37367522&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e2q0q3q8&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=37367522&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e2q0q3q8&split=0</a>

**BNA - EPA Reschedules Chemical Assessments Meeting** - 10/21/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency has rescheduled an Oct. 23 public meeting to discuss five chemical assessments the agency already is preparing or plans to prepare under its Integrated Risk Information System program. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?</a> <a href="mailto:fedfid=37367526&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2q0n0w4&split=0">fedfid=37367526&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e2q0n0w4&split=0</a>

BNA - Wastewater Utilities Urge EPA Against Regulating Dental Amalgam Discharges - 10/21/13 - Representatives of wastewater utilities are urging the Environmental Protection Agency to drop plans to regulate discharges of mercury in dental amalgam into sewer systems. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?</a> fedfid=37367532&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e2q0q3h5&split=0

BNA - Water Resources Bill Draws Interest From Wide Array of Cities, Utilities, Industries - 10/21/13 - The forces driving the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (H.R. 3080) can be seen in the large array of cities, counties, utilities and industries hoping to see the bill become law. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?</a> fedfid=37367507&vname=dennotallissues&id=a0e2h0z0n0&split=0

BNA - Greenhouse Gas Inventory Task Force Adopts Methodology Reports Concerning Wetlands - 10/21/13 - The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories concluded four days of talks in the Republic of Georgia Oct. 18 with the approval of two methodology reports related to wetlands that will provide "terms of reference" for United Nations negotiators. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/display/story\_list.adp?mode=ep&frag\_id=37367546&item=topic2&prod=deln">http://news.bna.com/deln/display/story\_list.adp?mode=ep&frag\_id=37367546&item=topic2&prod=deln</a>

Inside EPA - EPA Study Renews Focus On 'Emerging' Releases From Livestock Facilities - 10/21/13 - EPA has quietly released a scientific review on the constituents of livestock and poultry manure that focuses on potential water quality impacts from pathogens and emerging contaminants, such as antimicrobials and hormones, a change from the agency's past focus on nutrients. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/epa-study-renews-focus-on-emerging-releases-from-livestock-facilities/menu-id-127.html">http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/epa-study-renews-focus-on-emerging-releases-from-livestock-facilities/menu-id-127.html</a>

Inside EPA - Boxer Vows EPW Hearing On Outdoor Air Pollution - 10/18/13 - Senate Environment & Public Works Committee (EPW) Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-CA) is vowing to hold a hearing soon on the Clean Air Act's role in reducing outdoor air pollution, following release of a United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) study linking emissions from major sources to cancer. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201310182450216/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/boxer-vows-epw-hearing-on-outdoor-air-pollution/menu-id-97.html">http://insideepa.com/201310182450216/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/boxer-vows-epw-hearing-on-outdoor-air-pollution/menu-id-97.html</a>

Inside EPA - Justices Decline Review Of Water Transfers, Extending Citizen Suits' Reach - 10/18/13 - The Supreme Court has declined to review a closely-watched case challenging EPA's rule exempting some water transfers from permit mandates, letting stand a ruling that allows citizen challenges of any rule exempting a class of discharges from permits in district court. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/justices-decline-review-of-water-transfers-extending-citizen-suits-reach/menu-id-127.html">http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/justices-decline-review-of-water-transfers-extending-citizen-suits-reach/menu-id-127.html</a>

Inside EPA - Court Rejects Citizen Suit Seeking Water Act Permits For Farms' 'Tile Drains' - 10/18/13 - A federal district court judge has dismissed a citizen suit that sought to subject some agricultural irrigation systems to permitting under the Clean Water Act (CWA), an effort that if successful would have bypassed a statutory provision that exempted "return flows from irrigated agriculture" from the law's definition of regulated point sources. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/court-rejects-citizen-suit-seeking-water-act-permits-for-farms-tile-drains/menu-id-127.html">http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/court-rejects-citizen-suit-seeking-water-act-permits-for-farms-tile-drains/menu-id-127.html</a>

Inside EPA - Seeing EPA Limits, New Group Crafts Water Quality Trading Best Practices - 10/18/13 - A new coalition of public and private-sector stakeholders is working to craft a best practices manual for dischargers seeking to trade water pollution credits, an effort intended to encourage the practice. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/seeing-epa-limits-new-group-crafts-water-quality-trading-best-practices/menu-id-127.html">http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report-Water-Policy-Report-Water-Policy-Report-Water-Policy-Report-Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/seeing-epa-limits-new-group-crafts-water-quality-trading-best-practices/menu-id-127.html</a>

Inside EPA - Iowa Regulator Sets High Bar For Crafting Novel Numeric Nutrient Limits - 10/18/13 - Iowa regulators say they will consider environmentalists' calls to craft numeric nutrient limits for key state waters, despite a state board's recent decision rejecting environmentalists' petition. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report/Water-Policy-Report-Vater-Policy-Report-

Inside EPA - Groups Fault EPA Plan To Drop Coalbed ELG, Previewing Possible Suit - 10/18/13 - Environmentalists are opposing EPA's plan to drop a planned effluent limitation guideline (ELG) for the coalbed methane sector by arguing the plan is premature and would be at odds with ELG mandates to curb pollution. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/groups-fault-epa-plan-to-drop-coalbed-elg-previewing-possible-suit/menu-id-127.html">http://insideepa.com/Water-Policy-Report-10/21/2013/groups-fault-epa-plan-to-drop-coalbed-elg-previewing-possible-suit/menu-id-127.html</a>

Inside EPA - Ruling Reaffirms Superfund's Constitutional Reach Over Intrastate Releases - 10/18/13 - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit has upheld the Superfund law's constitutionality to address intrastate releases. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201310182450319/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/ruling-reaffirms-superfunds-constitutional-reach-over-intrastate-releases/menu-id-95.html">http://insideepa.com/201310182450319/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/ruling-reaffirms-superfunds-constitutional-reach-over-intrastate-releases/menu-id-95.html</a>

Inside EPA - EPA Declines To Appeal Wastewater 'Blending' Ruling, Limiting Precedent - 10/18/13 - EPA has declined to ask the Supreme Court to review the controversial appellate ruling that lifted an informal prohibition on permitting a controversial wastewater-treatment method to blend partially and fully treated wastewater. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201310182450320/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-declines-to-appeal-wastewater-blending-ruling-limiting-precedent/menu-id-95.html">http://insideepa.com/201310182450320/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-declines-to-appeal-wastewater-blending-ruling-limiting-precedent/menu-id-95.html</a>

Inside EPA - EPA Seeks To Clarify Confusion Over New Brownfields 'Dilligence' Standard - 10/21/13 - EPA plans to clarify in a final brownfields liability rule that a revised industry standard for conducting due diligence represents best industry practice. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201310212450332/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-seeks-to-clarify-confusion-over-new-brownfields-dilligence-standard/menu-id-95.html">http://insideepa.com/201310212450332/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-seeks-to-clarify-confusion-over-new-brownfields-dilligence-standard/menu-id-95.html</a>

Inside EPA - Appellate Judges Skeptical Of Suit Over EPA Air Permit 'Increment' Method - 10/21/13 - Appellate judges appeared skeptical at recent oral arguments of environmentalists' suit over EPA's method to calculate air permit "increments." <a href="http://cleanenergyreport.com/201310212450329/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/appellate-judges-skeptical-of-suit-over-epa-air-permit-increment-method/menu-id-202.html">http://cleanenergyreport.com/201310212450329/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/appellate-judges-skeptical-of-suit-over-epa-air-permit-increment-method/menu-id-202.html</a>

#### **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <a href="http://go.usa.gov/Qx5">http://go.usa.gov/Qx5</a>

EPA Issues Amendment to Record of Decision for the Peoples Natural Gas Superfund Site in Dubuque, Iowa - 10/21/13 - Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

#### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets

None

## **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

* New additions noted with an asterisk
10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487
11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557
11/14/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566
11/15/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551
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10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference - Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487
10/31 –11/1/13 - Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444
11/14/13 – National Association of Farm Broadcasting Trade Talk, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557
RA/Immediate Office
None
Other Events
AWMD
None
CNSL
None
ECO/EJ
11/1/2013 – EJ Presentation at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Altheà Moses, 7649
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